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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 58

MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2002

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Pyne (Chair) presented the following papers:

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee—Connecting Australia!—Wireless broadband—

Report, November 2002.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Pyne moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Pyne was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Georgiou (Chair) presented the following papers:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Review of Audit Report No. 42 of 2001-02—Integrity of the Electoral Roll—Report, October 2002.

Ordered to be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Georgiou moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Georgiou was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 YOUNG PEOPLE

Mr Mossfield, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) recognises that:

- (a) young people have a diversity of talent and can provide a fresh insight into the creative industries;
- (b) there is a need for positive promotion of young people and their achievements;
- (c) young people wish to advance themselves by utilising work placement and work experience programs; and

- (d) young people are willing to promote and enhance positive programs on a range of issues such as multiculturalism, education, the environment and social justice issues, including asylum seekers; and
- (2) urges the Government to:
 - (a) organise a collaborative effort by schools in local areas to provide the opportunity for students to audition, take part in and display their individual talents in a musical performance, with the help of local sponsorship and government funding, to provide a professional opportunity for students in creative areas;
 - (b) provide increased resources to support mechanisms to students in order to enhance educational opportunities and outcomes, including library facilities, syllabus management and student support infrastructure;
 - (c) provide incentives to employers to encourage their participation in work experience and work placement programs and to address the public liability insurance issues that are threatening such programs; and
 - (d) create youth sport and recreation facilities where young people can physically participate and interact with each other to promote better physical and mental well-being.

Debate ensued.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, Mr Gibbons was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

6 RETURN TO WRIT—CUNNINGHAM DIVISION

The Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which he had issued on 16 September 2002 for the election of a Member to serve for the electoral division of Cunningham, in the State of New South Wales, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honourable Dr Stephen Paul Martin. By the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Michael Keith Organ had been elected.

7 OATH OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER

Michael Keith Organ made and subscribed the oath of allegiance required by law.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

9 SECURITY IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning security in Parliament House.

10 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for the remainder of the current period of sittings be given to Mr Causley on the ground of ill health.

Question—put and passed.

11 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

12 DIABETES

Mrs Moylan, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the alarming rise in the number of people with Type 2 Diabetes estimated to be 1 million, with half of those people currently undiagnosed;
 - (b) according to a recent landmark study by Diab Cost Australia Type 2 Diabetes is costing Australians a staggering \$3 billion a year with the bill for each person averaging nearly \$11,000 in expenditure and benefits;

- (c) according to the study, as the complications of diabetes increase, the costs per person are estimated to escalate from \$4,020 to \$9,625 when there are both microvascular and macrovascular problems;
 - (d) early detection through screening programs and action to slow or prevent the onset of complications will see reductions in health costs and improve and maintain quality of life for individuals with Type 2 Diabetes; and
 - (e) the contribution this landmark study conducted by Associate Professor Stephen Colaguiuri of Diab Cost Australia will make to better informing Government and the public of a significant public health problem;
- (2) congratulates the Federal Government for the emphasis it has placed on public awareness programs in relation to Type 2 Diabetes; and
- (3) urges the Government to:
- (a) continue programs to raise public awareness of the high risk of undiagnosed and untreated cases of Type 2 Diabetes and ensure access to appropriate screening;
 - (b) support access to new medications for the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes while ensuring that Australian taxpayers get value for money through appropriate pricing arrangements;
 - (c) continue to encourage people diagnosed with Diabetes to undergo regular medical testing including eye testing so as to prevent complications;
 - (d) ensure adequate funding for further research into prevention and treatment of Type 2 Diabetes; and
 - (e) develop a strong education program encouraging appropriate diet and exercise regimes to minimise the risk of Type 2 Diabetes.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Mrs Irwin, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes the continued occupation by the State of Israel of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in contravention of United Nations Resolution 242 passed on 22 November 1967;
- (2) supports the right of Israel to exist within secure borders;
- (3) calls on the United Nations to insert a peace keeping force into the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza and the unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces;
- (4) calls for the recognition of the State of Palestine based on the pre 1967 borders of the West Bank and Gaza; and
- (5) calls on the international community to encourage and support the resolution of outstanding differences between the State of Israel and the State of Palestine based on the Oslo and Camp David Agreements.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting, and Ms J. I. Bishop was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

14 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

15 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

23 October 2002—

Message No. 74—Crimes Amendment 2002.

Message No. 75—Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) 2002.

24 October 2002—Message No. 76—

New Business Tax System (Consolidation, Value Shifting, Demergers and Other Measures) 2002.

31 October 2002—Message No. 77—

Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Matters) 2002.

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment (No. 2) 2002.

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment 2002.

Treasury Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2002.

16 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 23 October 2002, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 136—Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) 2002.

No. 137—Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment 2002.

No. 138—Insurance and Aviation Liability Legislation Amendment 2002.

No. 139—Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Initiatives and Other Measures) 2002.

17 PAPERS

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) presented the following papers:

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 21—Inquiry into a complaint by six asylum seekers concerning their transfer from immigration detention centres to State prisons and their detention in those prisons, September 2002.

Productivity Commission—Inquiry into citrus growing and processing—Government response and media release.

18 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Ms J. I. Bishop (Chair) presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—49th report—Timor Sea Treaty—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, November 2002.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Ms J. I. Bishop and Mr Wilkie, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Ms J. I. Bishop, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

Ms J. I. Bishop was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

19 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Baird (Chair) presented the following paper:

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Australian Crime Commission Establishment Bill 2002—

Advisory report, incorporating additional recommendations, November 2002.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Mr Baird, Mr Sercombe and Mr Kerr, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

20 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr Georgiou addressing the House—

21 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 November 2002:

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act—Determination—2002 Child Care Benefit (Eligibility of Child Care Services for Approval and Continued Approval) Amendment (No. 1).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Rules—2002 Zone Election Amendment (No. 1).

Australian Land Transport Development Act—Determination under Section 10—2001-02.

Australian Postal Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 260.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 243.

Bankruptcy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 255.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—
Part 39-105—2002 17(6), 18(12), 21(6) October.

Part 39-106—2002 17(2) October.

Part 39-107—2002 17, 18(2) October.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 266, 267, 268.

Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 265.

Criminal Code Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 250.

Currency Act—Determination—2002 Currency (Royal Australian Mint) (No. 5).

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 256.

Dairy Produce Act—Schemes—2001—

Dairy Structural Adjustment Program—Amendment (No. 10).

Supplementary Dairy Assistance Variation (No. 5).

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2002 Nos 15, 21.

Determinations under section 58B—2002 Nos 20, 21, 22, 23.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—

Instrument under Section 178, 22 October 2002.

Instrument under Section 181, 3 October 2002.

Instrument under Section 303DB, 24 September 2002.

Instruments under Section 303EB, 24 September, 10 October 2002.

Notice under section 33—Accreditation of a management plan, 20 August 2002.

Farm Household Support Act—Scheme—2002 Farm Help Re-establishment Grant Amendment (No. 1).

Financial Transaction Reports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 257.

Fisheries Management Act—Management Plan—2002 Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery.

Fuel Quality Standards Act—Determinations—2002—
Fuel Standard (Diesel) Amendment (No. 1).
Fuel Standard (Petrol) Amendment (No. 1).

Health Insurance Act—
Determinations—2002 HS/09, HS/10.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 244, 245, 246, 247, 254, 261.

Health Insurance Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 253.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—2002 Nos T17, T18, T19, T20, T21, T22, T23, T24, T25.

Imported Food Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 242.

Jervis Bay Territory Acceptance Act—Administration Ordinance 1990—Determination of fees for electricity supply—2002 No. 1.

Marriage Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 251.

Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 258.

National Health Act—
Declarations—2002 Nos PB 16, PB 17.
Determination—2002 No. PB 18.
Determinations under paragraph (bj) of Schedule 1—2002 Nos HSR 27, HSR 28, HSR 29.
Determination under subsection 5D(1)—2002 No. HSR 25.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 262.

Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 252.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Reconciliation Place and Commonwealth Place—Approval of Works.

Parliamentary Service Act—Determinations—2002 Nos 2, 3.

Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 263.

Proceeds of Crime Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 259.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 264.

Radiocommunications Act—Plan—2002 2.1 GHz band frequency band Variation (No. 1).

Taxation Administration Act—
Determinations—2002 Nos GSTD 5, TD 22.
Rulings—2002 Nos CR 71, CR 77, PR 79 (Addendum), PR 92 (Addendum), PR 119, PR 120, PR 121, PR 122, TR 20.

Telecommunications Act 1997—Instrument—2002 Telecommunications Numbering Plan Amendment (No. 3).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barresi, Mr Brereton*, Mr Causley*, Mr Cobb, Mr Downer, Mrs Draper, Mr Edwards, Mr Evans, Mrs Gallus, Ms O'Byrne*, Mr Scott*, Mr Sidebottom and Dr Washer.

* On leave

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I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives